



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: **Makoto KOMATSUBARA et al.**

Art Unit: **4172**

Application Number: **10/548,409**

Examiner: **Xiao Si Zhao**

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For: **METHOD FOR DRYING COATING FILM, AND OPTICAL FILM**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 15, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2008.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (Claims 1-6 and 10-14) and Group II (Claims 7-9).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (Claims 1-6 and 10-14) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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